



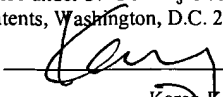
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 20, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 20, 2000 in connection with the captioned application. A response to the Office Action was initially due on September 20, 2000. A Petition, with the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(c), extending the due date for three months from September 20, 2000 to December 20, 2000 accompanies this response. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks made herein.

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